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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PAULSON ET AL.

Examiner

Bruce H. Hess

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8-25-04 (IDS)
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

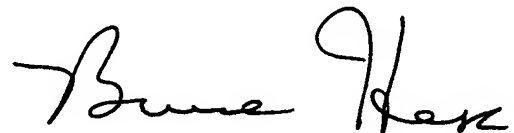
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Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-15 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by the patent to Polykarpov et al. (USP 6,080,520; see column 3, lines 20, 21, 25-27, 35 and 54-56).

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-15 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (a) as being anticipated by the patent to Anderson et al. (USP 6,544,711; see column 10, lines 53-64 and column 14, line 60 et seq.).

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over either of the patents to Polykarpov or Anderson et al.

These patents teach self-contained imaging assemblies which employ a subbing layer between the support and the imaging layer. Anti-static material and magnetic recording media can also be a part of the assemblies. The generic disclosure of polyester subbing layers is deemed to be a suggestion of the particular polyester recited in dependent claims 3, 10 and 16.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Hess", is positioned above the printed name and title.

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